

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

-- In a preferred embodiment, panels 12 and 14 are independently attached to left and right rear doors 16 and 18, allowing the doors to be opened for accessing the cargo area of the vehicle when desired. Stated another way, each panel is attached to its associated door alone, without attachments to the door associated with the other panel. Alternative embodiments are contemplated, ~~as shown, in Figures 7 and 8,~~ in which the panels are primarily attached by an attachment device 33 to the vehicle or trailer body surrounding the rear doors. ~~The attachment of the panels is not limited by Figures 7 and 8 as the attachment means can be secured to the roof, bumper, vehicle sides, or any other suitable location.~~ In such an embodiment, the panels may be mounted to the body with any suitable type of hinge along their outer vertical edges 13a and 13b. Mechanical attachments, any suitable fastener, are then positioned along the inner edges 15a and 15b of the panels, and attach the panels to the rear doors. Where the panel hinges are separated by a horizontal distance from the door hinges by more than a few centimeters, it may be necessary to fasten the panels to the doors with an attachment having a certain degree of play or tolerance, to accommodate a difference in swing trajectory between the panels and the doors. This might be done, for example, by positioning a bolt securely on the door, but forming a slot in the panel, and allowing the bolt to slide therein during opening and closing of the doors. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Turning to Figure 2, there is shown a sectioned view of a panel 12 and cargo door 16 taken approximately at line A-A of Figure 1, illustrating two attachments 22 therewith and a hinge 23 40 for door 16. It should be appreciated that hinge 23 40 is merely illustrative, and illustrated schematically. It is contemplated that any suitable hinge might be used in conjunction with the present invention. In a preferred embodiment, attachments 22 are designed such that a clearance distance is maintained between panel 12 and door 16. This clearance accommodates a vertical sliding locking bar 30, used in many cargo vehicles to secure the rear doors. An alternative embodiment (not shown), ~~as shown in Figure 9,~~ includes a panel formed having a semi-circular or alternatively shaped "cutout" region for accommodating the sliding bar 30. --